GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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WELFARE OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has convened a meeting of the State Ministers in charge of Tribal Affairs recently;

(b) if so, the details of deliberations held; and

(c) the steps taken to generate more tribal resources and to protect the interests of the tribal people in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Conference of State's Ministers in-charge of Tribal Welfare/ Development was held on 14th February 2007 in New Delhi which was chaired by the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs. The Conference was attended by Ministers in charge of Tribal Welfare/ Development from 13 States. Dr. B. L. Mungekar, Member, Planning Commission had also addressed the Conference. The State Ministers spoke about the status of implementation of various schemes/ programmes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in their States. They also spoke about the initiatives taken by them for the welfare of tribals in their respective states

(c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has emphasized the need for States to prepare specific Tribal Sub Plans (TSP) for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and allocate funds for this at least in proportion to the Scheduled Tribe population in their respective States. The sectoral Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India are expected to cover STs through their regular programmes and schemes. These Ministries/ Departments of Central Government have also been asked to allocate 8% of their funds (equivalent to the percentage of Scheduled Tribe population in the country) under TSP. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs additionally supports programmes and schemes exclusively for the benefit of Scheduled Tribes. As per the Demands for Grants presented in the Parliament for the financial year 2007-08, a total outlay of Rs. 1719.71 crore has been proposed for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, as against Rs. 1656.90 crore for the financial year 2006-07.